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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of October, 1945

Orders for refrigerator cars are being filled currently at this time, however, continued heavy loading and prospective requirements, along with the sluggish movement of empties indicate a shortage in the near future unless a considerable improvement is made in the release and movement of refrigerator cars. Potato loading continues heavier than last year and will increase sharply when heavy producing areas such as Maine, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Red River Valley and Nebraska gets to shipping in volume this month. The movement of grapes from the San Joaquin Valley is ahead of last year and further increase in this loading is anticipated.

The general commodities now moving in volume and the origin states are as follows: Lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, mixed vegetables, grapes, honey dew melons, peas, citrus - California; cabbage - Wisconsin, Colorado, New York; celery - New York, California, Utah, Michigan; grapefruit - Florida, Texas; mixed vegetables - California, Colorado, Florida; onions - Colorado, California, Idaho, Oregon, Michigan, New York; oranges - Florida, California, Texas; pears - Washington, Oregon; sweetpotatoes - Virginia, Louisiana, California, New Jersey; potatoes - Idaho, Maine, North Dakota, Colorado, California, Oregon, Minnesota, New York (including Long Island,) Nebraska.

Considering the country as a whole, the estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables during October 1945 will approximate 94,565 cars as compared with the estimated movement of 91,485 cars for the same month last year. This represents an increase of 3.4 per cent.

Shipments to originate in the New England Region will approximate 5,765 cars. The most important of these movements will be 5,300 cars of potatoes and 55 cars of apples from Maine. Other estimated shipments are 50 cars of apples and 25 cars of potatoes from Connecticut; 40 cars of apples from New Hampshire and 15 cars from Vermont. Massachusetts will originate about 200 cars of potatoes 85 cars of apples, and 325 cars of cranberries.

The total volume of fresh fruits and vegetables to move from the Middle Atlantic Region will approximate 5,400 carloads. Of this total it is estimated that 3,750 will originate in New York State and will consist of the following: 1,600 cars of potatoes, 510 cars of celery, 475 cars of cabbage, 420 cars of carrots, 200 cars of onions, 110 cars each of beets and apples, 75 cars each of mixed vegetables and pears, 65 cars of spinach, 50 cars of cauliflower, 35 cars of potatoes, 15 cars of grapes and 10 cars of peppers. The movement from New Jersey is predicted to be 530 cars of potatoes, 125 cars of sweetpotatoes, and 10 cars of cranberries. Pennsylvania will originate 140 cars of potatoes, 90 cars of apples, 25 cars of tomatoes and 10 cars of beets. In addition 145 cars of apples will move from West Virginia, 75 cars from Delaware and 35 cars from Maryland. Maryland will also originate about 130 carloads of sweetpotatoes.

During the month of October 1945, the estimated carload movements of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southern Region will approximate 1,67 carloads. This, compares with an estimated movement from this same region during September 1945 of 1,200 carloads and represents an increase of 475 cars, or 39.6 per cent. Shipments from Florida are not included in these estimates and will be discussed later. Of the estimate indicated above for October a major portion of the movements will comprise shipments originating in Virginia as

follows: 590 cars of apples, 410 cars of sweetpotatoes and 165 cars of snap beans. Other important shipments are 50 cars of sweetpotatoes, 20 cars of cabbage and 15 cars of apples from North Carolina. Mississippi is expected to ship 60 cars of cabbage and 35 cars of snap beans, while South Carolina will originate 185 cars of snap beans and 40 cars of sweetpotatoes. About 90 cars of sweetpotatoes will also originate in Tennessee.

Estimated carloads expected to originate in the Great Lakes Region in October will approximate 5,865 carloads. Of this total 850 carloads of potatoes, 395 carloads of onions, 320 carloads of apples, 270 carloads of carrots, 200 carloads of celery, 25 carloads each of beets and pears and 40 carloads of tomatoes are assigned to Michigan; 2,145 carloads of cabbage, 500 carloads of potatoes, 190 carloads of cranberries, 85 carloads of carrots, 35 carloads of apples, 30 carloads of onions, and 20 carloads each of tomatoes and mixed vegetables to Wisconsin; 40 carloads of beets, 120 carloads of apples, 35 carloads of pears, 30 carloads of mixed vegetables, 25 carloads of potatoes, 20 carloads of carrots and 15 carloads of tomatoes to Illinois; 60 carloads of apples, 70 carloads each of potatoes and tomatoes, 15 carloads of peppers, and 10 carloads of onions from Ohio; and 175 carloads of tomatoes and 35 carloads of onions from Indiana.

The estimated carlot movement of fresh fruits and vegetables from the North Central Region in October will consist mainly of potato shipments as follows: 3,150 carloads from North Dakota; 1,510 carloads from Minnesota; 1,140 carloads from Nebraska; 160 carloads from South Dakota and 35 carloads from Iowa. Minnesota will also originate 130 carloads of onions, 40 carloads each of carrots and turnips, 35 carloads of beets, 20 carloads of cabbage, and 15 carloads of mixed vegetables. Iowa about 30 carloads of cabbage, 25 carloads of sweetpotatoes and 10 carloads of onions.

Estimated carloads predicted to originate in the Southwestern Region during the month of October (excluding Texas, which is discussed later), will approximate 1,435 cars. These consist principally of 725 carloads of sweetpotatoes and 85 carloads of snap beans from Louisiana, and 380 carloads of carrots and 30 carloads of apples from New Mexico. About 50 carloads of apples will originate in Missouri and Kansas will ship 20 carloads of onions, 15 carloads of potatoes and 5 carloads of apples.

In the Rocky Mountain Region, estimated carload movements during October, 1945 will be about 7,885 cars. Practically all of these, or nearly 85 per cent, will originate in Colorado and are as follows: 2,510 cars of potatoes, 1,900 cars of onions, 610 cars of mixed vegetables, 510 cars of apples, 475 cars of cabbage, 250 cars of cauliflower, 70 cars of cantaloups, 45 cars of tomatoes, 40 cars of celery, 30 cars of peaches, 55 cars of pears, 25 cars of honey dew melons, 15 cars of lettuce, and 10 cars each of beets, carrots and mixed deciduous fruits. The shipments from Utah are estimated to be: 220 cars of celery, 200 cars of onions, 160 cars of potatoes, 155 cars of apples, 140 cars of cabbage, 75 cars of carrots, 35 cars of tomatoes, 15 cars cantaloups and 110 cars of pears. Wyoming will originate about 225 carloads of potatoes, and 55 carloads of potatoes and 30 carloads of apples are expected to move from Montana.

The total volume to move from the North Pacific Region is estimated to be 20,060 carloads. The carload shipments to originate in the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	235	5,380	1,090
Beets	40	-	-
Cabbage	10	-	-
Carrots	25	5	95
Cauliflower	20	-	-
Celery	170	50	10
Corn, green	25	15	-
Cranberries	-	10	-
Lettuce & Romaine	315	-	790
Mixed Deciduous	5	45	-
Mixed Vegetables	-	10	15
Onions	360	35	680
Pears	920	2,125	-
Plums & Prunes	5	20	35
Potatoes	1,150	805	5,500
Spinach	-	20	-
Turnips & Rutabagas	-	45	-
Total	3,280	8,565	8,215

The forecast of carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the South Pacific Region during October will comprise 30,725, all but 40 of which will move out of the State of California. The California shipments are listed below:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Carloads</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Carloads</u>
Apples	100	Mixed Citrus Fruits	60
Beans	20	Mixed Deciduous Fruit	100
Broccoli	95	Mixed Melons	200
Cabbage	15	Mixed Vegetables	1,450
Cantaloups	30	Onions	800
Carrots	950	Oranges & Satsumas	5,500
Casaba Melons	120	Peaches	50
Cauliflower	160	Pears	300
Celery	350	Peas, green	175
Corn, green	5	Peppers	50
Grapefruit	25	Persian Melons	75
Grapes	10,000	Plums & Prunes	10
Greens, except Spinach	75	Potatoes	1,480
Honey Ball Melons	20	Spinach	5
Honey Dew Melons	400	Sweetpotatoes	150
Lemons	800	Tomatoes	2,500
Lettuce & Romaine	4,600	Turnips & Rutabagas	15
		Total	30,685

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Florida during October 1945, will aggregate 5,800 carloads, while the movements from Texas will approximate 3,365 carloads. Those estimates follow:

<u>Commodity</u>	Carloads to originate in	
	<u>Florida</u>	<u>Texas</u>
Beans	50	-
Cucumbers	25	-
*Grapefruit	1,875	1,800
*Lemons	-	40
*Mixed Citrus Fruits	700	800
Mixed Vegetables	140	45
*Oranges & Satsumas	3,000	495
Peppers	10	80
Potatoes	-	10
Sweetpotatoes	-	80
Tomatoes	-	15
Total	5,800	3,365

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Commodity and
State of origin
Pears

Estimated
carload shipments in
September October

Washington	2,045	2,125
Oregon	1,120	920
California	1,000	300
Utah	105	10
Colorado	30	55
New York	140	75
Illinois	125	35
Michigan	65	25

Peas, green

Colorado	210	-
California	75	175
Idaho	45	-

Peppers

Texas	-	80
California	15	50
Ohio	5	12
New York	-	10

Persian Melons

California	145	75
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Plums & Prunes

Idaho	200	10
California	200	6
Oregon	530	20
Michigan	45	-
Utah	20	5

Potatoes

California	2,895	1,480
Oregon	1,045	1,150
Washington	840	805
Idaho	4,660	5,500
Colorado	3,475	2,510
Utah	310	160
Wyoming	60	225
North Dakota	4,450	3,150
South Dakota	275	160
Nebraska	415	1,140
Minnesota	960	1,510
Iowa	70	35
Kansas	30	15
Michigan	340	850
Wisconsin	1,200	500
Ohio	40	70
Maine	3,060	5,300
New York	2,090	1,600
New Jersey	3,100	530
Massachusetts	220	195
Pennsylvania	40	140
Illinois	30	25
Tennessee	35	-

Commodity and State of origin	Estimated carload shipments in	
	September	October
<u>Spinach</u>		
New York	20	65
Colorado	45	5
Washington	20	18
<u>Sweetpotatoes</u>		
Louisiana	700	725
South Carolina	25	40
Tennessee	75	90
Virginia	350	410
Alabama	2	65
Maryland	75	130
New Jersey	32	125
North Carolina	5	50
California	25	150
Texas	20	80
Iowa	10	25
<u>Tomatoes</u>		
California	1,200	2,500
Colorado	100	45
Utah	190	35
Illinois	35	15
Indiana	355	175
Michigan	380	40
Ohio	260	70
Wisconsin	125	20
New York	115	35
Pennsylvania	800	25
Delaware	30	-
<u>Turnips & Rutabagas</u>		
Minnesota	65	40
Colorado	10	5
California	6	15
Washington	10	45

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